

Appl. No. 09/917,292  
Amendment dated 09 September 2003  
Response to Final Office Action dated July 15, 2003

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

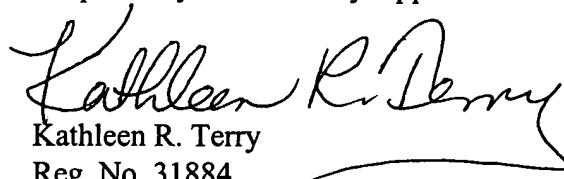
The Examiner has rejected all claims as being open-ended and include the teaching of the prior art, namely Cotter et al in view of Foker. Applicant has amended the claims to more clearly define Applicant's invention. Claims 1, 4, 11, 13 and 14 have been amended to replace the open term "comprising" with the closed term "consisting of."

Claim 1 as amended more clearly defines the subject to benefit from the invention. See, e.g., page 3 lines 10-17 of the specification. Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled; their limitations are now incorporated into amended Claim 1.

Claims 6-10 and Claims 15-17 have been canceled.

Applicant respectfully requests that the claims as amended be entered into the case and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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